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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

## FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. "Small Entity" statement(s) filed							
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2. Total Effective Claims	7	**minus	20	0	x \$22/\$11 =	+0	103/203
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or if Rule 97(d) Petition	+ 0	122					
11. After-Final Request Fee per ru	+0	146/246					
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CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown in the heading hereof, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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By Atty: Ann S. Hobbs

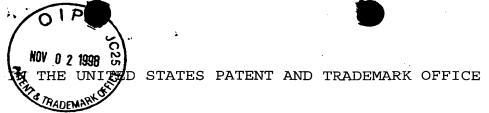
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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued June 8, 1998 in the above-referenced application, please consider the following remarks, along with two Declarations under Rule 132 of Dr. Udo Görl, dated September 4, 1997 and October 15, 1998 and filed herewith.

## REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 are pending. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. It is the Examiner's position that in claim 1, lines 7-8, the meaning of the expression "ml ... pH of 7" is unclear. Applicants note that the recitation recites a pH of 9. Notwithstanding this fact, the value indicated by this expression is determined from the Sears number and signifies a consumption of NaOH from a

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